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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIR FARES BETWEEN US AND KENYA

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH A.M. SHITAKHA, DEPUTY SECRETARY GOK MINISTRY OF POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS, EMBOFF INDICATED USG OFFICIALS' WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH GOK DELEGATION DURING THEIR VISIT TO U.S. AND U.S. DESIRE TO RAISE QUESTION OF

BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. SHITAKHA SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS NEED FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT BUT GOK POSITION REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM THAT OF PREVIOUS SUMMER. BASICALLY, GOK DOES NOT PERCEIVE CURRENT NEED FOR BILATERAL WITH U.S. SHITAKHA SAID WHEN KENYA AIRWAYS DESIRES TO ADD A U.S. ROUTE, GOK WILL PROPOSE NEGOTIATIONS. SHITAKHA SAID IF USG FORMALLY PROPOSES NEGOTIATIONS, GOK WOULD BE OBLIGED TO BEGIN TALKS WITHIN 3 MONTHS. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT BELIEVE SUCH TALKS WOULD BE FRUITFUL GIVEN CURRENT GOK LACK OF INTEREST.

2. EMBOFF REITERATED USG POSITION ON SPECIFIC AIR FARES BUT DID NOT RAISE WIDE-BODY ISSUE SINCE NEITHER PAN AM NOR EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED THIS POSSIBILITY WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. WHEN GOK DELEGATION HAS FIRM ITINERARY, WE WILL NOTIFY DEPARTMENT. LEMELLE

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